



# The Middle

April 25, 2021

Here Is Our King • Matthew 11:1-12:14 • Message 11

PRAY • THE KING WE NEVER WANTED! • POWER? SAFETY? • JESUS IS THE OPPOSITE  
BUT MATTHEW HAS TOLD US JESUS IS BETTER THAN A KING! • FACE TO FACE WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

## In the Middle — Matthew 11:1-12:21

### Jesus' Words to John (1-6)

1-3 • JOHN IN PRISON • MATTHEW 3:11-12 • VENGEANCE AND DIVIDER • JOHN'S IN THE MIDDLE  
GP: THE MIDDLE IS A TOUGH PLACE TO BE • 4-5 • NO CONTEXT? CODE FOR JOHN

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Jesus left out the Day of God's **VENGEANCE**.  
THE TWO THINGS JOHN WANTED / EXPECTED MOST

Jesus added **HEALING** of **LEPROSY**.  
NOT IN ANY PROPHECY, BUT ELISHA!! • MALACHI SAID ELIJAH, JOHN AND JESUS KNEW IT

Jesus added **RAISING** the **DEAD**.  
ISAIAH 26 HAS RESURRECTION, BY GOD ALONE! • BUT DISAPPOINTING FOR JOHN! • THE KING WE NEED

6 • IN CODED LANGUAGE • ISAIAH 8:14-15, 13-14, 17

King Jesus is **GOD** in the **FLESH**, and he has **COME**!

But there's more **WAITING** still to do. Will you **TRUST**?  
THAT'S THE CHALLENGE TO JOHN • AND ALSO TO US

### Your Choice (7-30)

If you stumble on Jesus, you will **FALL**.

7-15 • JOHN IS STILL OLD KINGDOM • VERSE 12 NIV84, NIL, NLT • STUMBLE OR SURRENDER • 16-24  
IF YOU STUMBLE ON JESUS, YOU WILL FALL.

If you surrender to him, you'll **FIND REST**.

25-30 • EPILOGUE • 12:1-14 • GREATER THAN THE \_TEMPLE\_ • LORD OF THE SABBATH • LORD OF REST  
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## Take It Home

Our King has **COME**, but the Kingdom is **COMING**.

Don't give up. Don't resist. Draw **NEAR** and find **REST**.  
TRUST AND REST



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